

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 08/29/06

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Mayor Wynn: AT APPROXIMATELY 6:40 P.M. WE'RE IN THE PARISH HALL OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HERE AT THE CORN HE OF WINDSOR ROAD AND EXHIBITION TO HOLD OUR -- I GUESS TECHNICALLY OUR ON-SITE, REMOTE ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAURA HUFFMAN TO GIVE A STAFF PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. MAYOR PRO TEM. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO BEFORE WE BEGIN TAKING PUBLIC TESTIMONY IS JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS. THE FIRST ONE IS TO TALK ABOUT OUR PURPOSE TONIGHT, GO THROUGH WHY CITIES ANNEX, A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THE TOOL OF ANNEXATION, WHY IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR TEXAS CITIES. WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PROPOSED SERVICE PLAN. AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE KEY SERVICE PROVIDERS COME UP AND TALK ABOUT HOW SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE ANNEXATION OCCURS. AND THEN THE OTHER THING WE WANT TO DO PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS WE HEARD LAST THURSDAY IS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TALK ABOUT THE FINANCIAL MODEL THE CITY OF AUSTIN USES TO EVALUATE THE BENEFITS AND COSTS OF ANNEXATION. I'LL START WITH A FEW BASIC COMMENTS ABOUT ANNEXATION. ANNEXATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT TOOL FOR TEXAS CITIES. IT IS A WAY THAT THEY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT. IT IS ALSO A WAY THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO

EXPAND TAX BASE. THE TOOL OF ANNEXATION IS USED BY MANY TEXAS CITIES MAINLY IN RESPONSE TO THE FACT THAT THE STATE OF TEXAS DOES NOT PROVIDE FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS IS THE CASE IN OUR STATES AROUND THE COUNTRY. SO THIS IS A KEY GROWTH TOOL THAT CITIES HAVE. THERE ARE A WHOLE VARIETY OF REASONS CITIES ANNEX. THEY RANGE FROM WANT TO GO EXTEND LISTENED USE CONTROLS TO EXTEND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS. CITIES ANNEX TO ENSURE EFFICIENT SERVICE DELIVERY TO MAKE SURE UTILITIES ARE EXTENDED IN A SYSTEMATIC WAY. BUT CITIES ALSO ANNEX TO EXTEND THEIR TAX BASE. THERE IS A BASIC TAX EQUITY ARGUMENT THAT APPLIES TO AREAS LARGELY DEVELOPED. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR TEXAS CITIES TO EVALUATE AN AREA THAT IS ALREADY DEVELOPED AND FIND THAT IT IS FINANCIALLY BENEFICIAL FOR CITIES TO ANNEX. THAT IS THE CASE WITH THIS PROPOSED ANNEXATION. THERE IS A FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO THE CITY. AND THAT IS THE PRIMARY REASON THAT WE ARE PROPOSING ANNEXATION. I THINK WHAT WE WOULD FIND ACROSS THE STATE THAT IS NOT AN UNCOMMON REASON FOR CITIES TO EXTEND THEIR BOUNDARIES. WHAT THE STATE LAW PROVIDES, IT PROVIDES A TIME FRAME FOR CITIES AND PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREAS TO DISCUSS THE SERVICE PLAN. THE PURPOSE OF THAT PIECE OF THE STATE LAW IS INTENDED TO BE COLLABORATIVE, IT'S INTENDED TO GIVE THE CITY A CHANCE TO PROPOSE A SERVICE PLAN. IT IS ALSO INTENDED FOR THE CITY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THAT IS ESSENTIALLY THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE KICKING OFF WITH THE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS. WHAT THE STATE LAW DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR IS IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR AREAS PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT THAT ANNEXATION OCCURS. THE LEGISLATURE EXPLICITLY LEFT THAT DECISION IN THE HANDS OF CITY COUNCILS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF TEXAS. SO WHAT WE ARE DISCUSSING TONIGHT REALLY IS THE KICKOFF OF THE SERVICE PLAN. THERE ARE THREE ASPECTS OF THE SERVICE PLAN. BASIC CITY SERVICES, POLICE, FIRE, E.M.S., MAINTENANCE OF ROADWAYS, THE UTILITIES, THE MAINTENANCE OF PARKS. THE SECOND, AND THIS SERVICE PLAN, BY THE WAY, IS ON... ONLINE. WE HAVE PUT UP A

WEBSITE AND WE ARE TRACKING QUESTIONS FOLKS ARE ASKING AND PROVIDING ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS. THE SECOND ASPECT OF THE SERVICE PLAN IS CITY SERVICES THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED BY STATE LAW BUT PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AN EXAMPLE IS WATERSHED PROTECTION. AND THEN THE THIRD AREA IS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM. THIS IS AN AREA THAT HAS SOME CITY SERVICES ALREADY. THERE ARE SOME KEY SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, POLICE SERVICE UNDER ANNEXATION WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. FIRE SERVICE RIGHT NOW IS PROVIDED BY A E.S.D. AND THE PROPOSAL IS CONTINUE SERVICE WITH THAT E.S.D. THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS CHANGE. INSTEAD OF PAYING THE TAX FOR THAT, THAT WOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH CITY TAXES. THERE IS ALREADY A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON THE PROVISION OF UTILITIES AND WE'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THAT. E.M.S., THIS IS ALREADY -- E.M.S. IS ALREADY YOUR SERVICE PROVIDER. WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY METRO E.M.S. SO THE SERVICE YOU ARE RECEIVING TODAY IS THE SERVICE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE. THE ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'LL BE DOING DURING THIS PROCESS IS CONFIRMING THE LEVEL OF ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES THAT YOU ARE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. ONE UNIQUE FEATURE OF STATE LAW THAT CHANGE UNDERSTAND RECENT YEARS IS THAT THE SERVICES THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING ALREADY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, THE CITY OF AUSTIN WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THAT LEVEL OF SERVICE. SO WE'LL NEED TO GET IN THERE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT LEVEL OF SERVICE THE COUNTY IS PROVIDING AND THAT WILL BECOME PART OF THE NEGOTIATION. SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO NOW, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE EACH OF THE KEY SERVICE PROVIDERS TALK ABOUT HOW SERVICES WILL CHANGE, RESPONSE TIMES, QUESTIONS THAT WE ARE FREQUENTLY ASKED AS A PART OF THE SERVICE PLAN. BUT PROBABLY THE NUMBER ONE QUESTION WE'RE ASKED HAS TO DO WITH THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS THAT YIELDS THE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS A RECOMMENDED ANNEXATION

BASED ON THE FINANCIALS. I WILL SAY THERE ARE FOUR ANNEXATIONS THE CITY IS PURSUING THIS YEAR, AND THERE IS ONE ANNEXATION THAT SNOT REVENUE PRODUCING, BUT IN THAT CASE IT REPRESENTS A SERVICE HOLE AND SO THE SERVICE IS EXTENDING ANNEXATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THAT AREA. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE JOHN STEVENS, THE CITY'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND HE'S GOING TO TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE MODEL WE USE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WELCOME, MR. STEVENS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. LET ME TELL YOU BRIEFLY ABOUT THE ANNEXATION MODEL AND WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE PENINSULA AREA. IT'S -- OUR MODEL SHOWS PROJECTED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OVER A 25-YEAR PERIOD. THIS IS THE STANDARD MODEL WE'VE USED FOR ANNEXATIONS FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN WITH THE CITY. AS WITH MOST ANNEXATIONS, WE DO IT ON A FUND BY FUND BASIS, BUT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS IN THE ANNEXATION FINANCIAL MODEL, AGAIN, AS WITH MOST ANNEXATIONS, ARE WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND, THE GENERAL FUND AND THE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE FUND. THOSE LAST TWO, IF YOU LOOK AT THE FINANCIAL MODEL, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND IT'S AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE, THOSE LAST TWO FUNDS, THE GENERAL FUND AND THE G.O. DEBT SERVICE FUND ARE COMBINED AND REFERRED TO AS GENERAL GOVERNMENT IN THAT MODEL. BUT LOOKING FIRST AT THE GENERAL FUND, THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE THAT WE SHOW IN THAT FUND IS PROPERTY TAX THAT WILL COME FROM THE ADDITIONAL ASSESSED VALUE ADDED TO THE TAX ROLLS. IT'S ESTIMATED AT \$306 MILLION AND IT COMES FROM THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE AREA. THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL OR RETAIL PROPERTIES. AND USING THE CITY'S PROPOSED 2007 TAX RATE OF 39.86 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE THAT IS CORRECT RESULTS IN ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE OF 786,000 TO THE GENERAL FUND. THE LARGEST SINGLE GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE IN THE MODEL IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 255,000, AND AS LAURA SAID, THIS IS ESTIMATED BASED ON PAYING TRAVIS COUNTY E.S.D.

NUMBER 9 TO CONTINUE PROVIDING FIRE SERVICE IN THE AREA. THE SECOND LARGEST DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE IN THE GENERAL FUND IS FOR POLICE, AND THAT'S ESTIMATED AT 217,000 PER YEAR OR \$200 PER CAPITA. THE POPULATION FOR THIS AREA IS JUST OVER 1,000, WHICH WOULD DICTATE THE ADDITION OF TWO OFFICERS UNDER OUR 2.0 PER STAFFING MODEL, 2.0 PER THOUSAND STAFFING MODEL. AND SO THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT THERE, THE 217,000, WILL THEREFORE COVER THE TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS TO MAINTAIN OUR POLICY PLUS ALL RELATED EQUIPMENT AND OVERHEAD. THE MODEL ALSO ASSUMES 29,000 A YEAR FOR MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR SIGNS MARKING SIGNALS AND STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE IN THE AREA AND 2700 A YEAR FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT. ANNUAL NET REVENUE TO THE GENERAL FUND IS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 500,000 A YEAR. FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE FUND, THE OTHER FUND THAT RECEIVES PROPERTY TAX, OUR PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IS 410,000 PER YEAR. THE MODEL ASSUMES THAT THE DEBT SERVICE FUND WILL PROVIDE FOR \$2 MILLION IN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAY BE NEEDED IN THE AREA AT AN ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE COST OF BETWEEN 150 AND 160,000 A YEAR LEAVING NET REVENUE OF ABOUT 260,000 A YEAR. THE WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND DOES RUN NEGATIVE IN THE MODEL DUE TO ESTIMATED CAPITAL COST OF 1.7 MILLION TO CONNECT THE RESIDENCES TO THE CITY'S CENTRAL SEWER SYSTEM. BUT OVER THE 25-YEAR PERIOD, NET REVENUE TO THE GENERAL FUND AND THE G.O. DEBT SERVICE FUND COMBINED IS 12.5 MILLION WITH THE WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND RUNNING A DEFICIT OVER THAT SAME PERIOD OF TIME OF 4.9 MILLION. PUTTING THOSE TOGETHER THEN ON AN ALL FUNDS BASIS, THE ANNEXATION IS -- OVER THE 25-YEAR PERIOD IS A POSITIVE 7.6 MILLION OR 3.7 MILLION STATED ON A PRESENT VALUE BASIS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. STEVENS. QUESTIONS OF MR. STEVENS, COUNCIL? THANK YOU.

MAYOR, WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO NOW, PROBABLY THE THREE MAJOR AREAS OF QUESTIONS WE GET ON ANNEXATION HAVE TO DO WITH PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PROVISION OF UTILITY WASTEWATER AND WATER SERVICE AND OFTENTIMES IN AN AREA THAT HAS DIFFERENT SOLID

WASTE COLLECTION, SO WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOU HAVE CHIEF KATHY ELLISON FOLLOWED BY THE WATER UTILITY AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, CHIEF.

THANKS, MAYOR. MAYOR PRO TEM DUNKERLEY, CITY MANAGER AND OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M KATHY ELLISON, ACTING POLICE CHIEF FOR THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. JOHN JUST MENTIONED WITH YOUR POPULATION A LITTLE OVER A THOUSAND PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE ADDED TO THE CITY YOU WOULD GET ADDITIONAL -- TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS FOR THAT AREA. IN ADDITION TO THOSE TWO OFFICERS, YOU WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE DECENTRALIZED SERVICES. IN AUSTIN OUR CITY IS BROKEN UP OR IT'S DIVIDED INTO NINE AREA COMMANDS, AND EACH AREA COMMAND HAS THEIR OWN SET OF SERVICES. THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, THEIR INVESTIGATORS, THEIR OWN NARCOTICS STREET RESPONSE UNIT SO THEY HAVE ALL THOSE SERVICES AND YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE SERVICES. THE WAY WE'VE LOOKED AT IT SO FAR IS YOU WOULD POSSIBLY PROBABLY BE A PART OF OUR WEST AREA COMMAND. WE LOOKED AT RESPONSE TIMES AND LOOKED AT WHAT CURRENTLY HAPPENED IN THE PREVIOUS 10 MONTHS SO WE LOOKED AT FROM OCTOBER 1ST OF LAST YEAR TO JULY 31st OF THIS YEAR, AND WE SAW THAT YOU HAD 34 PRIORITY 1 CALLS WITH AN AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME OF 13 MINUTES AND 28 SECONDS. FOR ALL OF CENTRAL WEST, WHICH IS THE AREA COMMAND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ADDING YOU TO, THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME, THERE WERE IN THE SAME TIME PERIOD OVER 200 PRIORITY 1 CALLS AND OUR AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME TO EACH OF THOSE CALLS WAS 7.5 MINUTES. SO RESPONSE TIME IS A LOT QUICKER THAN WHAT YOU CURRENTLY HAVE. AND EVEN IF WE ADDED THE ADDITIONAL 34 CALLS INTO WHAT IS CURRENTLY IN THAT DISTRICT, IT WOULD STILL BE WELL BELOW THE AVERAGE OF NUMBER OF PRIORITY 1 CALLS THAT WE HAVE PER BEAT. SO LIKE I SAID, IT'S 13:28 YOU ARE GETTING AND WITH US IT'S 7.30 PER PRIORITY 1 CALL FOR CENTRAL WEST. I HAVE A MAP AND I LEFT IT IN MY CAR BUT I'LL GET IT SO WE CAN SHOW WHAT YOU THAT AREA WOULD LOOK LIKE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. QUESTIONS OF CHIEF, COUNCIL? WE'LL GET A CHANCE -- IF YOU SIGN A CARD, WE'LL SORT OF CHRONICLE ALL OF THESE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CHIEF OF THE. WELCOME, CHIEF.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS J. J. RAMI, FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I WANT TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN FOR THIS AREA. THE CURRENT SERVICE PROVISION FOR THE PENINSULA AREA RECEIVES FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICE FROM E.S.D. NUMBER 9, THE WEST LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WEST LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE 901, WHICH IS HOUSED AT WEST LAKE FIRE STATION NUMBER 1, IS THE FIRST IN UNIT FOR MONTHS EMERGENCY CALLS IN THIS AREA. WEST LAKE ENGINE 902 AND THE C-BAR FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE WOULD RESPOND TO IN THE EVENT OF A STRUCTURE FIRE OR OTHER INCIDENT THAT REQUIRED MULTIPLE UNITS. OR IF ENGINE 901 WAS NOT AVAILABLE. UNDER THE PROPOSED EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN, WE PROPOSE TO ENTER INTO AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH E.S.D. NUMBER 9 THAT WOULD MAINTAIN THE FIRST-IN UNIT RESPONSE FROM WEST LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS TO EMERGENCY INCIDENTS IN THE PENINSULA AREA. AFD UNITS FROM STATIONS 32, 31, 10, 4, 11, 17, AND 19 WOULD RESPOND IN THE EVENT OF A STRUCTURE FIRE OR ANY OTHER INCIDENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE MULTIPLE UNITS OR IF ENGINES 901 OR 902 WERE NOT AVAILABLE. SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICE PLANS, IT MAINTAINS THE NEAREST ENGINE RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY INCIDENTS IN THE PENINSULA AREA WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS. IT INCREASES THE NUMBER OF UNITS FROM THREE TO EIGHT. AND FIREFIGHTERS FROM 11 TO 29. THAT WOULD RESPOND TO A STRUCTURE FIRE INCIDENT OR ANY SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT IN THE PENINSULA AREA. THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS, SPECIFICALLY STATION 32, 31, AND 10 ARE THE THREE CLOSEST THAT WOULD -- THAT COULD RESPOND TO INCIDENTS IN THE PENINSULA AREA FASTER THAN THE C-BAR UNIT IF WEST LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNITS 901, 902 WERE NOT AVAILABLE. OR IF THERE WAS A MULTIPLE UNIT RESPONSE WAS REQUIRED. THIS IS THE PROPOSAL WE

HAVE FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS OF THE CHIEF, COUNCIL? THANK YOU. ACTUALLY CHIEF, I GUESS I HAVE ONE. IN ADDITION TO THE -- JUST THE MAN AND WOMAN POWER OF BEING INSIDE THE CITY WHEN IT COMES TO FIRE PROTECTION, CAN YOU TALK ABOUT IS THERE A MEASURED ECONOMIC BENEFIT WHEN IT COMES TO HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE AND FIRE RATING AND FIRE INSURANCE, THINGS LIKE THAT?

WELL, WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT CERTAINLY WHAT THE I.S.O. RATING IS FOR THE AREA. WE WOULD -- THE AREA WOULD ASSUME THE FIRE OR THE INSURANCE SERVICE ORGANIZATION RATING FOR THE CITY THAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN CURRENTLY ENJOYS. AND ANY REEVALUATION OF THE FIRE PROTECTION RATING WOULD ALSO CERTAINLY BE PART OF THIS -- THIS AREA WOULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM THAT I.S.O. RATING. I CAN FIND OUT PRETTY QUICK WHAT OUR RATING IS.

Mayor Wynn: IF THE RATING IS -- MY INSTINCT, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE RATING IS QUITE POSITIVE FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND SO JUST BY TECHNICALLY BEING INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS THAT HAS A MEASURED AND RELATIVELY IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC IMPACT.

I WOULD -- YOU KNOW, MY -- YOU KNOW, I WOULD ASSUME IT WOULD BE IMMEDIATE, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY FIND THAT OUT FOR SURE.

I THINK THEY ARE ACTUALLY DOING IT RIGHT NOW IN THE BACK FOR YOU. ASSISTANT CHIEF EVANS IS CHECKING THE I.S.O. RATING FOR THE AREA. AUSTIN ENJOYS A HIGH I.S.O. RATING. JIM, CAN YOU SPEAK TO THIS?

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, CHIEF.

GOOD EVENING. CURRENTLY THE E.S.D. NUMBER 9 HAS A I.S.O. RATING OF 3 AND AUSTIN, CITY OF AUSTIN HAS A I.S.O. RATING OF 2. WITH THE ANNEXATION, IT WOULD INCREASE OR IMPROVE FROM A 3 TO A 2.

Mayor Wynn: WHAT IMPACT MIGHT THAT HAVE, YOU KNOW, FOR A HOMEOWNER? AND OVER WHAT PERIOD OF TIME?

I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE SPECIFIC IMPACT; HOWEVER, THE IMPACT ON THEIR FIRE INSURANCE, THEIR HOMEOWNERS AND ALSO ANY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEE A DECREASE IN THE PREMIUMS. THAT'S USUALLY WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE'S AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE I.S.O. RATING.

Mayor Wynn: AND IS IT THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY ESSENTIALLY TO SOMEHOW NOTIFY..... NOTIFY -- HOW WOULD AN INSURANCE PROVIDER EVEN KNOW THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN A HOME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CARRYING INSURANCE ON FOR YEARS NOW ENJOYS A BETTER I.S.O. RATING? WHAT'S THE PROCESS TO GET THAT NOTIFICATION OUT?

THE PROPERTY OWNERS THEMSELVES HAVE TO NOTIFY THEIR INSURANCE CARRIER THAT THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE. AND THEN THE CARRIER WILL VERIFY THAT THROUGH THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

Mayor Wynn: SO AS PART OF ANY ANNEXATION, DO WE SOMEHOW HELP A HOMEOWNER WITH THAT PROCESS? DO WE SEND OUT SOME FORMS OR SOME NOTICE OR MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT NOW HERE'S THREE OR FOUR THINGS YOU SHOULD DO AND THE BENEFITS YOU MIGHT DERIVE FROM THAT?

WE DO IT AS PART OF THE SERVICE PLAN NEGOTIATIONS. WE MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT'S ONE OF THE FINANCIAL BENEFITS. ACTUALLY AS PART OF THIS WHAT WE CAN DO IS QUANTIFY THE SAVINGS AND PUT THAT ON OUR WEB PAGE AS ONE OF OUR Q AND A. AND THEN AS PART OF THE ANNEXATION, WE DO A NUMBER OF THINGS. SO FOR EXAMPLE, SOMETIMES WE WAIVE THE TAP AND CONNECTION FEES TO CENTRAL SEWER FOR A PERIOD OF A YEAR AFTER ANNEXATION AND WE PUT THAT INFORMATION OUT TO ALL THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA AND WE WOULD DO THE SAME KIND OF THING WITH FIRE INSURANCE RATINGS SO RESIDENTS KNOW TO INFORM THEIR HOMEOWNER INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE CHANGE AND

GET THE SAVINGS.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. THANK YOU, CHIEF. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? WELCOME, MR. RHOADES.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, WILLIE RHOADES, DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE CITY OF AUSTIN WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE PENINSULA. THEY WILL PROVIDE SERVICE CONSISTENT WITHOUT CURRENT [INAUDIBLE] PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM. GARBAGE COLLECTION WILL BE DONE WITH A COLLECT SYSTEM. RECYCLING COLLECTION. AND YARD COLLECTION. GARBAGE AND YARD TRIMMING WILL BE COLLECTED ON A WEEKLY BASIS ONCE THE ANNEXATION IS COMPLETED, RECYCLING WOULD PROBABLY BE [INAUDIBLE] ONE PROGRAM DONE ON A BUY WEEKLY BASIS. COMMERCIAL GARBAGE SERVICES IS PROVIDED BY THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE. IF THEY USE OUT OF A DUMPSTER, THE [INAUDIBLE] CAN STILL PROVIDE FOR THAT BUSINESS. WE ALSO PROVIDE ANTI-LITTER SERVICE. ANTI-LITTER SERVICE CONSISTS OF BRUSH COLLECTION, BULKY COLLECTION ON A TWICE A YEAR BASIS. STREET SWEEPING, IF THE STREETS ARE LINED WITH A CURB AND GUTTER. A DEAD ANIMAL COLLECTION. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. CURRENTLY RESIDENTS CAN USE THE CURRENT HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH TRAVIS COUNTY, BUT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO USE THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY. WE ALSO HAVE CODE ENFORCEMENT WITH ANYTHING WITH TALL GROWN WEEDS, GRASS AND LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAMS AND ANY TYPE OF ZONING VIOLATIONS THAT'S IN THE AREA. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN?

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, SIR.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL, MIME BOYLE, SUPERVISING ENGINEER WITH THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY. WE'VE DONE A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE AREA AND IDENTIFIED CAP TAIL IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVE ALL THE PROPERTIES THAT CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE CENTRALIZED WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE. AS UPON

FINAL ANNEXATION WE WILL BEGIN BY HIRING A CONSULTING ENGINEER TO DESIGN THOSE FACILITIES. WE'LL THEN CONSTRUCT THEM AND NOTIFY THE PROPERTY OWNERS WHEN CENTRALIZED WASTEWATER AND WATER. WE'LL ALSO DO AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SPACING OF THE FIRE HYDRANTS AND THE FIRE FLOW PROTECTION FOR THE AREA AND SHOULD ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE NEED TO BE DONE, IT WILL BE DONE AS PART OF THE PROGRAM. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THAT CONSTRUCTION, THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT PREVIOUSLY DIDN'T HAVE SERVICE CAN CONNECT WITHOUT PAYING THE CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE TO CONNECT TO WATER AND WASTEWATER.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? THANK YOU. WELCOME BACK, MS. HUFFMAN.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. SO THAT'S A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE SERVICES THAT WE GET THE MOST QUESTIONS ABOUT. WE'VE GOT REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS HERE TONIGHT IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. SO MAYOR, AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING IS TO PROVIDE SOME BASIC INFORMATION ON THE SERVICE PLAN, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO HEAR FROM THE RESIDENTS IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA. THE PROCESS WILL -- THE PROCESS WILL MOVE FORWARD FROM TODAY IN A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT WAYS. FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS A FORMAL NEGOTIATION. IT IS NOT AN INFORMAL PROCESS THAT OCCURS IN STATE LAW. SO ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING APPOINTED TO THE NEGOTIATING TEAM FROM THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA CAN CONTACT EITHER US OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NAMING PEOPLE TO THE NEGOTIATING TEAM. SO WE'LL WORK WITH THE COURT ON THAT PROCESS. AND THEN WE'LL MOVE INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SERVICE PLAN. AGAIN, STATE LAW PROVIDES THE CRITERIA FOR HOW SERVICES MUST BE PROVIDED IN CASES LIKE ROADS, THE CRITERIA IS WE HAVE TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE LEGAL OF SERVICE THEY ARE RECEIVING NOW. IN AREAS LIKE PUBLIC SAFETY, THE REQUIREMENT IS WE PROVIDE SERVICE LEVELS CONSISTENT WITH OTHER AREAS OF AUSTIN. SO WE'LL HELP EDUCATE THE GROUP AS TO WHAT

THE STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS ARE AND WORK WITH THAT NEGOTIATING TEAM. AS A REMINDER, CITY COUNCIL IS NOT POSTED FOR ACTION TONIGHT. IN FACT, THE EARLIEST DATE THAT ANNEXATION COULD BECOME EFFECTIVE IS DECEMBER OF 2008. AND AGAIN, THAT'S WORKING WITHIN THE STATE TIME LINES WHICH PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME TO NEGOTIATE A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE AREA. AND MAYOR, WITH THAT, WE ARE -- WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR STAFF PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: MS. HUFFMAN, REGARDING THE TIME..... TIMING, THERE IS NO POSTED ACTION ANY TIME IN THE REALLY FORESEEABLE FUTURE FOR THE COUNCIL TO TAKE. YOU SAID THAT THE EARLIEST TIME THE ANNEXATION COULD IN FACT BECOME FINAL IS DECEMBER OF '08. BUT WOULD THAT REQUIRE ANY COUNCIL ACTION AND WHAT TIME WOULD THAT OCCUR?

YES, IN ORDER FOR THE ANNEXATION TO BECOME EFFECTIVE, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE ANNEXATION EFFECTIVE AND WE WILL BRING THAT TO YOU IN THE FALL OF 2008 WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER.

Mayor Wynn: AND THEN IF -- FOR DIFFERENT REASONS THE NEGOTIATIONS OR THE COMPLEXITIES, YOU KNOW, DRAG ON AND THEY ARE MORE COMPLICATED THAN PERHAPS WE ANTICIPATE, IS THERE AN OUTSIDE TIME FRAME FOR WHICH THIS HAS TO BE DONE BY OR IT DOESN'T HAPPEN?

JANUARY OF 2009 THE ANNEXATION MUST BE COMPLETE OR YOU START THE PROCESS AGAIN.

Mayor Wynn: SO THERE'S A VERY TARGETED WINDOW IN TWO AND A HALF YEARS, AND IF FOR WHATEVER REASON THAT IS MISSED, THEN YOU EITHER -- OR PERHAPS YOU COULD HAVE STARTED OVER SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, I GUESS.

YES. THE OTHER THING SO MENTION IS THAT THE STATE ALSO HAS TIME LINES FOR HOW LONG WE HAVE TO NEGOTIATE THE SERVICE PLAN, AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS WITHIN THIS -- BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 2008, THE

STATE BUILT IN A TIME LINE FOR ARBITRATION SHOULD THE CITY AND THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA NOT BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE SERVICE PLAN. SO WE'LL HAVE THE ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE NEXT YEAR, BUT THEN DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT WE'VE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THAT SERVICE PLAN, THERE IS STATE LAW FOR ARBITRATION OF THAT SERVICE PLAN.

Mayor Wynn: WHEN IT COMES TO COMMISSIONERS COURT APPOINTING THE NEGOTIATING TIME AND IN SOME CASES I GUESS THERE'S OFTENTIMES A M.U.D. BOARD OR SOME STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION THAT MANY MAY REFER TO WHEN IT COMES TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS, IS THERE PARAMETERS AS TO HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN SERVE AND WHAT WOULD BE THE PROCESS FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO CHOOSE?

I'M GOING TO ASK MARTY TERRY TO HELP ME OUT WITH THIS. MY UNDERSTANDING IT'S A FIVE-MEMBER NEGOTIATING TEAM AND I DON'T KNOW THERE IS ANY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OTHER THAN RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THIS IS DAVID LLOYD, NOT MARTY TEARRY.

THANK YOU, LAURA. COUNCILMEMBERS, IN AN AREA THAT'S NOT A MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPOINTS FIVE CITIZENS IN THE AREA AND THEY ARE THE PARTIES WITH WHOM WE NEGOTIATE THE SERVICE PLAN. WE NEGOTIATE UP UNTIL THE END OF MARCH OF NEXT YEAR. AFTER THAT POINT THERE'S A PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH THE NEIGHBORHOOD MAY REQUEST ARREST BYE.....ARBITRATION IF THEY FEEL IT'S NECESSARY, OR THE CITY MAY REQUEST ARBITRATION AND THEN WE GO INTO AN ARBITRATION PERIOD AFTER THAT. SO AT ANY RATE, THE MEMBERS OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM ARE FIVE PEOPLE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT. FROM THE AREA.

Mayor Wynn: AND IS THERE SOME TIME LINE AS TO WHEN FOLKS WHO WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO NEGOTIATE ON BEHALF OF THEIR NEIGHBORS, IS THERE A TIME FRAME AS TO WHEN THEY NEED TO GET THAT SUBMITTAL INTO

COMMISSIONERS COURT AND DO THEY GO THROUGH -- THIS IS PROBABLY COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY'S PRECINCT.

YES. WELL, MAYOR, THERE'S NO TIME LINE IN THE STATUTE, AND WE WILL JUST WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONERS COURT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY GET THOSE PEOPLE APPOINTED.

Mayor Wynn: RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. LLOYD.
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I ASSUME YOU MEAN BINDING ARBITRATION. IT'S A BINDING ARBITRATION PROCESS.

YES.

Leffingwell: OKAY. COULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT THAT PROCESS LOOKS LIKE, WHO ARE THE ARBITORS, ET CETERA.

WELL, THERE'S A PROCESS FOR SLETION.....SELECTION OF AN ARREST BYE TORE, BUT WE HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH THE PROCESS. TO SOME EXTENT IT WILL BE A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR US ALSO.

Leffingwell: SO YOU GOT TWO YEARS TO FIGURE IT OUT.

I WOULD SAY THAT'S CORRECT.

JUST A LITTLE STATEWIDE INFORMATION, STATEWIDE CITIES THAT HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE MAP ANNEXATION PROCESS HAVE NOT USED ARBITRATION AT THIS POINT. THIS IS A RELATIVELY NEW CHANGE TO STATE LAW, BUT MOST TEXAS CITIES AND HERE IN AUSTIN IS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON SERVICE PLANS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. HUFFMAN. SO THEN COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNLESS THERE'S OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE'LL GO TO OUR SIGN-UP CARDS. FOLKS, I GUESS SOMEONE IN THE BACK, THERE'S CARDS YOU CAN SIGN IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK. WE ASK THAT YOU LIMIT YOUR SPEECH TO THREE MINUTES. AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A PROCESS WHEREBY IF SOMEBODY HERE IS PRESENT AND WANTS TO DONATE TIME TO YOU, THEY CAN CHECK IT ON

THEIR CARD AND YOU CAN SPEAK IN MULTIPLE THREE MINUTES UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES. WE'LL GO TO THE CARDS AND I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY BEING PEASHT AND WE'LL GET TO EACH QUESTION AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THEM ANSWERED. LOOKS LIKE THOMAS FANNING. WELCOME, SIR. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MAYOR -- [INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: THOMAS, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX IF YOU NEED IT. WELCOME. THE TIMER IS SOMEWHERE IN THE BACK SO HE WILL WAVE HIS HANDS.

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS TOM FANNING. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE SAN PRO TRO PEZ SUBDIVISION. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE PODIUM. WHAT COULD BE EASIER THAN TO PICK OFF A FEW HUNDRED ACRES OF AFFLUENT CRIME-FREE NEIGHBORHOODS WHOSE EXCELLENT SERVICES HAVE BEEN LONG ESTABLISHED. A PARTICULARLY ENTICING PROSPECT WHEN THEIR VALUATIONS TOTAL MY GUESS A COUPLE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. WHY, IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE. AT OUR LAST GATHERING, THE MAYOR SAID, AND I PARA PHASE, MR. MAYOR, HEY, IT'S NOT OUR FAULT THAT THE STATE WITH ITS UNFUNDED MANDATES FORCES THIS ON THE CITIES. MR. MAYOR --

Mayor Wynn: I HAD A BETTER QUOTE THAN THAT. BUT GO AHEAD.

THAT PONTIUS PILATE SIDE STEP REQUIRES A LEAP OF FAITH FOR ME. ONE EXAMPLE STILL UNRESOLVED IS YOUR PORK-LADEN BOND ISSUE. INFRASTRUCTURE APPEARS TO TAKE A BACK SEAT ON THIS ISSUE. FOR EXAMPLE, NOT EVEN MAKING THE CUT WAS THE ONE ITEM THAT MIGHT PROVIDE A TAX WINDFALL TO THE CITY. THE WALLER CREEK TUNNEL. INSTEAD, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE AGAIN ALLOCATED TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL BOONDOCKS ACREAGE, THUS REMOVING IT FROM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND THE TAX

ROLLS FOREVER. MORE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE ALLOCATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING WHEN THE TARGETED GROUP APPARENTLY CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY THE EXISTING INVENTORY, MUCH LESS MAINTAIN THEM. THE STATE GOVERNMENT MANDATES SUCH LARGESS WITH CITY TAXPAYER MONEY. THEY OUGHT TO BE RUN OUT OF TOWN. HISTORICALLY BEYOND CENTRAL AUSTIN THERE IS LITTLE VOTER INTEREST OR REPRESENTATION IN CITY GOVERNMENT. THE REASON IS OBVIOUS WHEN ONE EXAMINES THE LEADING VOTER CONSTITUENCIES. VOTING WOULD BE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT INCLUDING THE S.O.S. KIDS WHO WHEN RECENT DEMANDS WERE NOT MEANT IN A TEMPER TANTRUM ALMOST SWAMPED CITY GOVERNMENTS WITH TWO DISASTROUS RESOLUTIONS. ALSO IN PARTNER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNIONS WHOSE ELECTION INFLUENCES HAVE BEEN GREATLY MAG FIED BECAUSE OF THE CITY'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS. WHICH SEVERELY LIMIT CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS. THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF A SIMILAR STATUTE HAS RECENTLY FAILED TO PASS THE SMELL TEST IN A VERMONT CASE. HERE WITH RARE EXCEPTION IT VIRTUALLY PRECLUDES THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES NOT HAND PICKED BY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ALSO HAS INDIRECTLY SADDLED YOUR CITIZENS WITH SOME OF THE STATE'S HIGHEST PAID MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. AND LASTLY, THERE ARE THE OVEREMPOWERED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS. AT ANY ZONING GATHERING ONE SEES THIS PROCESSION OF AGING ACTIVISTS WHOSE OBSTRUCTIONISM OVER THE YEARS HAS PUT AUSTIN FAR BEHIND OTHER TEXAS CITIES IN MUCH NEEDED INNERCITY REJUSTIFY NATION. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE LITTLE VISION OF AUSTIN 20 YEARS HENCE. MR. MAYOR, FOR ME ANYWAY, THIS ADMINISTRATION SEEMS TO BE HEADED GENERALLY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. YOUR DOWNTOWN INITIATIVES, THE RESOLUTION OF THE BUS STRIKE, AND THE SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD CLEANUP, TO NAME A FEW, ALL SUGGEST AN OUTBREAK OF COMMON SENSE. BUT IF YOU SINCERELY WANT TO REACH OUT TO OUR GROUP AND EQUITIABLY REPRESENT ALL YOUR PROPOSED CITIZENS, I SUGGEST YOU ENTERTAIN SERIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM, NOT JUST TOMORROWENNISM. ON ANOTHER ISSUE, RECENTLY ONE COUNCILMEMBER DISMISSED THE FORMATION OF

SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AS BALKANIZATION. I PERSONALLY WOULD GLADLY CHOOSE BALANCE..... BALKANIZATION OVER TAXATION WITH NO REPRESENTATION. THE N. LIGHT OF YOUR PERIPHERAL ANNEXATION IT IS NOW PROPOSED UNDER THE EXISTING...ING SYSTEM ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL REPRESENT AN EVER SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF THE RESIDENTS. BOTH GEOGRAPHICALLY AND PHILOSOPHIC THERE ANY LI. MAYBE THE NEXT TWO-YEAR NEGOTIATION CAN BRING SOME CHANGES. I CERTAINLY HOPE SO. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. FANNING. THE QUOTE ACTUALLY WAS THAT 50 STATES, TEXAS RANKS 50th, BUTT NAKED LAST PLACE WHEN IT COMES TO STATE FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES. MANY CITIES IN OTHER STATES, A LARGE PORTION, EVEN A MAJORITY OF THEIR GENERAL FUND BUDGET IS ACTUALLY ALLOCATED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE. TEXAS HAS A DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHY. THAT IS, THEY DON'T GIVE ANY MONEY WHATSOEVER TO CITIES. SO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PHILOSOPHICAL CHOICE NOT TO FUND ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES IS THEY THEN, OF COURSE, HAVE TO GIVE VERY LIBERAL ABILITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO GO GET REVENUE. AND ANNEXATION IS ONE WAY. A SPECIFICALLY, SPECIFICALLY MAKE SURE THAT CITIZENS DON'T GET TO VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY GET ANNEXED BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD VOTE TO VOLUNTARILY BE ANNEXED. WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS. SO THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WHO WON'T RAISE TAXES, WON'T FORM A DIFFERENT FUNDING -- STATEWIDE FUNDING SOURCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, THEY CHOOSE TO IN FACT ALLOW, BUT IN EFFECT CREATE THE CRUMMY DYNAMIC WHERE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE TO GO FIND AREAS THAT -- FROM A FIDUCIARY STANDPOINT FOR THE REST OF THE CITY MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE FOR CITIES TO THEN HAVE SOME REVENUE TO GO DO SERVICES, MANY OF WHOM ARE MANDATED BY STATE LAW. SO THAT'S THE SITUATION THAT MR. FANNING WAS REFERRING TO MY QUOTE. HE PARAPHRASED IT ENOUGH WE ARE BUCK NAKED LAST PLACE AND THIS CRUMMY SITUATION AND AUSTIN NOT UNIQUE WHEN IT COMES TO THAT. MR. ROBERT BROOKS.

WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND FOLLOWED BY TODD DAVIS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. IF AND WHEN THEY ARE GOING TO BE ANNEXED, YOU MUST ADOPT A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE A SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE US WITH SOME VOICE. IT'S MANDATORY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO VOICE. YOU PLAN TO CONFISCATE OUR MONEY. WE WANT REPRESENTATION. YOU PROMISE THAT TO THE DAVENPORT RANCH AREA RESIDENTS. YOU PROMISED IT TO THE BALCONES WOODS AREA RESIDENTS. YOU PROMISED IT TO THE CIRCLE C AREA RESIDENTS. AND YOU NEVER DELIVERED ON THAT. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU'VE NEVER DELIVERED ON THAT. YOU WILL HAVE TO DEFER THIS ANNEXATION UNTIL A CHARTER AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. WE HAVE DIFFERENT ISSUES AND DIFFERENT AGENDAS OUT HERE IN THE OUTLYING AREAS AND WE ARE NOT ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED. YOU MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL GO BACK TO YOUR CORE GROUPS OF APPROXIMATELY 25,000 CONSTITUENTS TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO GET REELECTED. OR ELECTED. EACH TIME A VOTE IS ASKED FOR IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, YOU HAVE FEWER AND FEWER VOTER TURNOUT BECAUSE YOU DON'T ALLOW THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS TO HAVE SINGLE-MEMBER REPRESENTATION. WE NEED THAT. THAT'S A MUST. WITH RESPECT TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP TONIGHT. EXCUSE ME. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS. AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. BUT I'M QUOTING AN ARTICLE IN THE AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN ON AUGUST 23rd, JUST SIX DAYS AGO, STATING, AND I QUOTE, THAT AUSTIN POLICE OFFICERS TAKE LONGER TO RESPOND TO THE MOST SERIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY THREATS THAN DO OFFICERS IN ANY OTHER MAJOR CITY IN TEXAS. EXCEPT DALLAS. END QUOTE. WITH THIS ADDED 432 ACRES THAT YOU OFFICERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PATROL, I THINK IT'S JUST GOING TO BE A HORRENDOUS, HORRENDOUS PROBLEM. PARTICULARLY IF YOUR OFFICERS ARE GOING TO -- EXCUSE ME -- HAVE TO COME OVER THE EMMETT SHELTON BRIDGE IN ORDER TO GET INTO OUR AREA. I THINK WE ALL KNOW THE PROBLEM WITH THAT BRIDGE. LCRA AND

NOT THE CITY OF AUSTIN CONTROL THE WATER COMING OUT OF THAT. [INAUDIBLE] HALF THE TIME THAT BRIDGE IS FLOODED. WE HAVE NO ACCESS TO OUR AREA. AND IT GETS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT IF EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE PROVIDED GOING THAT WAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO PUT ON THE PUBLIC RECORD TONIGHT THAT THE CITY MUST PROVIDE A COMPLETE AND FULLY INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR THE WHOLE 432 ACRES BECAUSE BEFORE THIS ANNEXATION CAN OCCUR. BESIDES HAVING A VERY, VERY SENSITIVE AND FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR AREA, WE ARE NOTIFYING YOU THAT WE HAVE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN WATER RUNOFF ALL UP AND DOWN THESE AREAS AND ON TO OUR STREETS ALONG THE LAKE WHICH PULLS QUITE A FEW POTENTIAL LIABILITY ISSUES THAT THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE TO ASSUME. DURING SIGNIFICANT RAIN STORMS, WE HAVE MANY OVERFLOWING CREEKS WITH SOME MATERIALLY AFFECTING INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS. WE IN SOME AREAS HAVE HE HAVE FLUNTS COMING DOWN THESE CREEKS INTO THE LAKE AND CONTAMINATING WATER AND THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE TO ASSUME THE FULL LIABILITY OF THIS AS WELL AS PERFORM MAJOR MITIGATION PROJECTS TO CORRECT THESE PROBLEMS.

Mayor Wynn: MR. BROOKS, PLEASE CONCLUDE. YOUR THREE MINUTES HAS EXPIRED.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] COUNCIL, I'LL TRY NOT TO WITH WITH EACH SPEAKER, BUT QUICK RESPONSE TO MR. BROOKS. THIS MIGHT HELP FUTURE SPEAKERS O THE ISSUE OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND A CHARTER AMENDMENT, TECHNICALLY ONLY THE VOTERS CAN AMEND THE CHARTER. THIS -- A COUNCIL I WAS ON PREVIOUSLY AND SEVERAL PREVIOUS COUNCILS HAS PUT THE BALLOT PROPOSITION OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS TO THE VOTERS FIVE DIFFERENT TIMES SINCE THE 1970s. ALL FIVE TIMES IT'S BEEN DEFEATED. IT GOT CLOSE A COUPLE OF YEARS BUT HAS NEVER PASSED. SO THIS COUNCIL AND NO COUNCIL CAN AMEND THE CHARTER TO CONVERT OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FROM AT-LARGE REPRESENTATION TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS. ONLY THE VOTERS CAN DO

THIS. MY INSTINCT IS AT SOME POINT THIS COUNCIL OR SOME FUTURE COUNCIL WILL TEE UP THAT IDEA. I WILL SAY, HOWEVER, WITH ALL THE ANNEXATION THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN AUSTIN SINCE THE MID-90s PARTICULARLY, PROBABLY 75,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ANNEXED TO CITY OF AUSTIN SINCE '97, THEY, OF COURSE, HAVE ALL BECOME VOTERS. AND IF YOU LOOK AT -- THERE'S A MISCONCEPTION ABOUT VOTING TRENDS AND HABITS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BUT AUSTIN IS QUITE LINEAL. IT'S NOT THE PERCEIVED DONUT THAT PEOPLE TALK ABOUT WHEN IT COMES TO SORT OF CENTRAL CITY VOTING VERSUS FOLKS ON MORE SUBURBAN EDGES OF OUR CITY. IT'S A STRAIGHT LINE. IF WE DO THIS DEMOGRAPHICALLY, IT'S EASY TO DO WITH COMPUTERS. THE LINE THAT DIVIDES THE EQUAL NUMBER OF VOTERS EAST AND WEST IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS NOW ABOUT 125 FEET WEST OF MOPAC. THERE ARE MORE VOTERS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN WEST OF MOPAC THAN THERE ARE EAST OF MOPAC. AND A BIG REASON FOR THAT, FRANKLY, HAS BEEN THESE ANNEXATIONS AND THE FACT HOUSING STARTS UNTIL VERY RECENTLY WERE GOING AT A TONE OF ABOUT FOUR TO ONE WEST OF MOPAC VERSUS EAST. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THERE ARE LOTS AND LOTS OF VOTES, IF IT'S -- FROM A RAW POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THIS ISSUE, IN THIS PART OF TOWN AND FURTHER WEST, FRANKLY, BECAUSE OF THESE ANNEXATIONS. BUT SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS, IT'S NOT UP TO THIS COUNCIL. IT'S A FUTURE ISSUE FOR VOTERS TO TAKE UP AND MY INSTINCT IS IT HAPPENS OVER THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. EXCUSE ME FOR THE LENGTHY EXPLANATION BUT IT MIGHT HELP FUTURE SPEAKERS AS THEY ADDRESS THE SAME ISSUE. MR. DAVIS, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GEORGE -- LOOKS LIKE -- SALAMANE.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, HONORABLE COUNCIL. TODD DAVIS, AND I LIVED ON BENEDICT LANE IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREA FOR 10 YEARS. AND I'M GOING TO SECOND THE CONCERNS OF THE PREVIOUS TWO SPEAKERS AND I'M OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION. I BELIEVE THAT THE DRAFT ANNEXATION PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE A LEVEL OF POLICE, FIRE AND LIBRARY SERVICES EQUAL TO OR BETTER THAN WHAT RESIDENTS ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING. FOR

INSTANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PENINSULA RESIDENTS CURRENTLY RECEIVE OUTSTANDING SERVICE FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRAST THAT TO THE STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. DEPENDING ON THE SOURCE, THE LEADERSHIP LEFT BEHIND BY THE FORMER POLICE CHIEF DOES NOT ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE RANK AND FILE POLICE OFFICERS OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF ILL-TRAINED PERSONNEL. WHAT'S CHILLING IS PERHAPS BOTH THE -- TRUE, VERY IMPORTANT REGARDLESS THE OUTCOME ON ANNEXATION GET ITS HOUSE IN ORDER WITH RESPECT TO POLICE SERVICES. WE FIND IT UNNECESSARY FOR THE CITY TO TAKE A CUT OFF THE TOP OF OUR TAXES, RETAIN SOME OF THOSE MONEYS AND SUBCONTRACT OUT CERTAIN FIRE SERVICES. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THE PENINSULA AREA IS A PERENNIAL TINDERBOX. I'VE TAUGHT OVER THE 10 YEARS I'VE LIVED HERE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, AND THEY SAY THAT A DISASTER ON THE SCOPE OF THE SANTA BARBARA AND OAKLAND FIRES OF RECENT HISTORY WOULD ONLY BE A DELAYED FIRE TRUCK AWAY WHO WOULD BE BLOCKED BY BRIDGE TRAFFIC. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAW KEEP THE SAFETY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE IN MIND. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO COUNCIL THAT THE PENINSULA AREA IS ALREADY PART OF THE WEST BANK LIBRARY DISTRICT. THIS IS A DISTRICT THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE VOTERS AND IT'S A TAXING ENTITY. AND THE CITY LIBRARIER IS VASES.....RER... SERVICES. AT THE PRESENT TIME AREN'T NEEDED AND THOSE THAT ARE ARE EVEN CONVENIENT. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THE CITY GARBAGE SERVICES PROPOSED IN THE ANNEXATION PLAN ARE INADEQUATE. AT THE PRESENT TIME MY NEIGHBORHOOD HAS OUR OWN GARBAGE COLLECTION WEEKLY. THE PROPOSAL IF I HEARD IT CORRECTLY WOULD CUT THAT IN HALF. STREET LIGHTS ARE NOT NEEDED. WE LIKE SEEING THE STARS AT NIGHT. I'M ALSO GOING TO SECOND THE CONCERNS THAT ANNEXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS A FORM OF TAXATION POUT REPRESENTATION. I KNOW THE MAYOR AND THE OTHERS ARE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT AUSTIN IS THE LARGEST

CITY IN THE UNITED STATES WITH SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED. AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT'S RESOLVED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. I ALSO HAVE CONCERNS WITH THE SO-CALLED GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT THAT RESERVES CERTAIN SEATS ON THE COUNCIL FOR PERSONS OF CERTAIN ETHNIC GROUPS. CERTAIN OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS ARE SHUNNED IF THEY HAPPEN TO FILE FOR THOSE OFFICES. ONE MAN, ONE VOTE IS A VERY IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE. IN THE 1970s I WAS AN ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIVIST. SO I FEEL THAT THE ANNEXATION WITHOUT EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES WOULD PUT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE PENINSULA RESIDENTS IN PERIL. I MEAN -- I BELIEVE THAT THE ANNEXATION MEANS THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE OPINION LA WILL BE GOVERNED UNDER WHAT MANY WOULD CONSIDER AN UNFAIR AT-LARGE SYSTEM AND POTENTIALLY A DISCRIMINATORY GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT ANNEXATION WITHOUT DISTRICT ELECTIONS EQUALS TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. DOUG LAWS. PART OF THIS PROCESS IS TO BEGIN -- [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: PART OF THIS PROCESS IS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS TO COME UP WITH WHAT WOULD BE NEGOTIATED FINAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS. THERE IS A BROADLY BASED SERVICE PLAN PROPOSED, BUT IT'S UP TO THE NEGOTIATIONS TO COME UP WITH THESE EXACT ISSUES. WELCOME GEORGE SALANEY.

.....YOU HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES.

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: YES, SIR, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn:.. NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT. THAT MAKES IT 12. DO I HAVE THREE MORE FOR 15 WHICH IS OUR

MAXIMUM? WELCOME, GEORGE, 12 MINUTES.

THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW US TO SPEAK THIS EVENING. ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF SPEAKING LATER IS THAT A LOT OF THE POINTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED THAT I WAS GOING TO MAKE. I WANT TO ANALYZE THE SERVICE PLAN AS WELL AS ASK SOME QUESTIONS OF THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN EARLIER TODAY. SO IN REGARDS TO A SERVICE PLAN, YOU BASICALLY COVERED THE THREE PARTS, THE EARLY ACTION PROGRAM, AND I THINK MUCH OF WHAT I WANTED TO BRING UP WITH RESPECT TO THE EARLY ACTION PROGRAM WAS ADDRESSED, BUT IN GENERAL WHAT YOU ARE PRESENTING REALLY OFFERS LITTLE OR NO BENEFIT. I REAL IS IT'S WORK IN PROGRESS WITH NEGOTIATIONS THAT GO BACK AND FORTH, BUT WHAT WAS INITIALLY PRESENTED IS LITTLE OR NO BENEFIT, WHICH I THINK HAS BEEN ECHOED BY SPEAKERS PRIOR TO ME. IN THE SECOND SECTION THAT YOU HAVE, THE ADDITIONAL SERVICES, AGAIN, YOU COVERED SOME OF THESE POINTS. HOWEVER, THERE'S A POINT THAT REALLY I DON'T BELIEVE WAS COVERED PER SE. THE AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. YOU HAD A [INAUDIBLE] REGARDING THAT. [INAUDIBLE] FOR RESIDENTS. THERE ARE NO PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS IN THE AREA. AGAIN, ONE OF THE THINGS YOU TALK ABOUT IS PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS. THERE ARE NO PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO ENFORCE NO SMOKING OR TOBACCO ACCESS TO MINORS. AGAIN, IT SEEMS LIKE THE PLAN YOU PRESENTED WAS A VERY AGAIN PLAN AND REALLY WASN'T THAT APPLICABLE TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE PENINSULA AREA. THERE ARE NO FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS OR CHAILD CARE FACILITIES FOR THE STATE TO INSPECT. TRAVIS ALREADY PROVIDES,. AND CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, INVESTIGATION ON BLOOD LEVELS IN CHILDREN, ANIMAL SERVICES, CONSULTATION. AGAIN, I THINK THOSE ARE SERVICES ALREADY PROVIDED. AUSTIN ENERGY, YOU MENTION THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO US. AGAIN, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, I BELIEVE AUSTIN ENERGY CURRENTLY PROVIDES US WITH SERVICE. AND THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED MONTHLY ANNUAL COSTS TO HOMEOWNERS BECAUSE ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I AS

WELL AS OTHERS HAVE HAD IS HOW WOULD THIS IMPACT OUR UTILITY BILL. AND I SEE HOW IT IMPACTS DRAINAGE, SOLID WASTE, WATER, SEWER, BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING REGARDING OUR ELECTRIC BILL PER SE. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS AN IMPACT OR NOT, BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO FIND THAT OUT. ANTI-LITTER SERVICES. AGAIN, WHILE THAT'S NICE TO HAVE, I BELIEVE TRAVIS COUNTY HAS ANTI-LITTER SERVICES IN PLACE AS WELL. THEN YOU HAVE THIS CATCH-ALL FOR OTHER SERVICES. AGAIN, IT'S AN UNKNOWN BENEFIT. I DON'T SEE HOW ONE COULD MENTION OTHER SERVICES WITHOUT REALLY EE NUMBER RATING SOME OF THOSE OTHER SERVICES. PEOPLE SPEAK THIS EVENING, IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO HAVE IT IN WRITING AND BE ABLE TO REVIEW SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED. ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, AGAIN, IN THE SERVICE PLAN THERE WASN'T A LOT OF INFORMATION GIVEN. TONIGHT I HAVE ALLOTTED MORE INFORMATION, BUT CONCERNS WERE BROUGHT UP. POLICE PROTECTION, YOU'VE ADDRESSED THAT, ALBEIT I DON'T KNOW IT'S EVEN SUFFICIENT OR CLOSE TO BEING ADEQUATE. FIRE PROTECTION YOU ADDRESSED. AGAIN, IT SEEMS ALMOST BACKWARDS TO CONTRACT OUT TO A SERVICE WE CURRENTLY PAY FOR TAKEN PRICE WE PAY FOR IT AT \$34 A MONTH, I BELIEVE, AT A TAX RATE OF \$100 VALUATION, IS FAR LESS THAN WHAT IT WOULD COST IF WE WERE RESIDENTS OF CITY OF AUSTIN. THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE EFFICIENT USE OF ANYONE'S MONEY. ROADS AND STREETS, AGAIN, IT'S UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT THE CITY OF AUSTIN WOULD ACTUALLY DO FOR OUR ROADS AND STREETS. PARKS. THERE ARE NO PUBLIC PARKS IN THE PENINSULA AREA. THERE'S NO BENEFIT TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE PENINSULA AREA TO HAVE ACCESS TO CITY PARKS PER SE ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT THEY CURRENTLY HAVE TODAY. SO THOSE ARE THE POINTS I WANTED TO -- AND AGAIN, I WOULD LOVE SOMEONE ADDRESSED THOSE ISSUES IN A MOMENT. THOSE ARE THE POINTS I WANTED TO CONVEY AS FAR AS THE SERVICE PLAN GOES. AS FAR AS WHAT WAS BROUGHT UP THIS EVENING, MY FIRST QUESTION REALLY IS FOR CHIEF ELLISON. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SPEAKING THIS EVENING AND CERTAINLY THERE'S NO ORGANIZATION THAT'S NOT WROUGHT WITH PROBLEMS, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE IMPROVEMENTS IN 2

FIELD OF THE AUSTIN POLICE. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I HAD FOR YOU IS IN REGARDS TO THE RESPONSE TIME THAW PROVIDED..... THAT YOU PROVIDED US, WHAT WAS THE BASIS TORE THAT INFORMATION AND THE SOURCE BASICALLY FOR THAT INFORMATION. AND IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION PUBLISHED ON A WEBSITE OR SENT TO RESIDENTS? LOTS OF INFORMATION, BUT HARD TO RETAIN IT ALL. GIVEN THAT THE PERCEPTION, MAYBE NOT THE REALITY, OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS IT'S WROUGHT WITH PROBLEMS, SLOW RESPONSE TIMES, ET CETERA, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO FIND OUT THE SOURCE AND GET THAT PUBLISHED OR SENT TO US.

Mayor Wynn: YES, GEORGE, WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE'LL WRITE DOWN -- STAFF IS WRITING DOWN ALL THESE QUESTIONS WE'LL BE ASKING AND EVERYTHING TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY WILL BE ANSWERED.....ANSWERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU. SO BESIDES THE POLICE RESPONSE TIME, IF YOU WILL, FIRE AND E.M.S. THERE WAS A COMMENT, AND I APOLOGIZE, I DIDN'T QUITE CATCH IT ALL, THAT WE WOULD HAVE SOUTH..... ACCESS IN INCREASED NUMBER OF UNITS FROM THREE TO EIGHT. I DON'T QUITE FOLLOW THAT LEAN OF REASONING. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE CITY OF AUSTIN RESIDENTS, THE FIRST RESPONDERS WILL BACK EACH OTHER UP. IT'S HOW IT'S OCCURRED IN MOST AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES. NOT NECESSARILY WITH RESPECT TO FIRING..... FIRE AND ELS, BUT POLICE RESPONSE, WE HAD AN INCIDENT WHERE FROM WAS AN ACCIDENT IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE AND NOT ONLY DID TRAVIS COUNTY RESPOND BUT THE CITY OF AUSTIN DID AS WELL. OF COURSE, WE APPRECIATE THAT RESPONSE, BUT MY POINT IS I BELIEVE WE ALREADY HAVE THAT SUPPORT TODAY. AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW THAT I SEE THE BENEFIT IN THIS NEGOTIATIONS. GARBAGE COLLECTION WAS COVERED BY TODD IT LOOKS LIKE AGAIN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE LESS PICKUPS, ACTUALLY CUT IN HALF. ALL THESE POINTS ARE NEGOTIABLE, BUT YOU MUST REALIZE IF YOU ARE GOING TO PRESENT SERVICE PLANS TO RESIDENTS, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER THAT THE PLOAN HOLE FULLY WILL BE MORE BENEFICIAL THAN WHAT WE

CURRENTLY HAVE. THIS ONE IS NOT. THE SERVICE COULD BE PHENOMINAL, BUT AT ONE PICKUP PER WEEK, IT'S LESS THAN WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. AS FAR AS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS GO, AGAIN, I FORGOT THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT HAD COME UP TO SPEAK ABOUT GETTING ACCESS TO CENTRALIZED WATER, I BELIEVE IT WAS. SORRY. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY RESIDENTS WITHIN THE PENINSULA AREA THAT ACTUALLY NEED CONNECTION TO THIS CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM?

CENTRAL WASTEWATER, YES.

SORRY, CENTRAL WASTEWATER, EXCUSE ME.

YES, SIR.

OKAY. AND CURRENTLY I GUESS THEIR OPTION IS SIMPLY TO -- SORRY, WHAT IS THEIR OPTIONS?

THE INSTALLATION OF THE SYSTEM OR THEY COULD DO AN OFF-SITE SYSTEM IF THE PROPERTY WOULD SO --

PEPDING SOME TYPE OF PERK TEST. I GUESS MY POINT IS, AGAIN, IF THEY CAN PAY FOR THE SYSTEM, I DON'T KNOW HOW IT BENEFITS THE RESIDENTS IN THE PENINSULA THAT DON'T REQUIRE THAT CONNECTION. IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE A SERVICE THAT'S AVAILABLE TO THEM ALREADY. AGAIN, THE GENERAL POINT I'M CONVEYING IS THE AR.. SERVICE PLAN REALLY PROVIDES LITTLE TO NO BENEFIT. AS FAR AS SELECTING MEMBERS OR RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NEGOTIATIONS, I GUESS WITH WOULD IT BE THE CITY COUNCIL? THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION?

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Mayor Wynn: YES, SIR.

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR THESE -- SELECTION OF THESE FIVE CITIZENS IF INDEED THERE IS WITHIN IN FIVE CITIZENS THAT WISH TO PARTICIPATE?

Mayor Wynn: THERE'S NO PARAMETERS. WE HEARD EARLIER BY STATE LAW, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT CAN CHOOSE WHOMEVER THEY WANT.

SO IT'S ARBITRARY OR FIRST WHO ACTUALLY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION?

[INAUDIBLE].

BASED UPON NO CRITERIA.

[INAUDIBLE].

BUT AGAIN, IF THERE'S MORE THAN FIVE RESIDENTS THAT EXPRESS A.. AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING, WHAT IS THAT CRITERIA BY WHICH YOU WOULD SELECT THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS?

[INAUDIBLE] I WOULD ASSUME THOSE PEOPLE WOULD WORK WITH THE FIRE PEOPLE WHO -- FIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE APPOINTED.

FAIR ENOUGH. I REALIZE IT'S NOT THE CITY. AGAIN, THESE ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT COME UP WHEN YOU ADDRESS SOME OF THE AREAS. AND I GUESS IN GENERAL, WHY THE PENINSULA AREA? CERTAINLY KNOW IT'S FOR THE INCREASED REVENUE THAT THE CITY CAN ACHIEVE, BUT WHY NOT OTHER BOARDERRING AREAS. WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE ON THIS AREA VERSUS OTHER AREAS THAT BORDER IT. SOMEONE BROUGHT UP WHY DON'T JUST ANNEX ALL THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND INCREASE THE REVENUE IMMEDIATELY RATHER THAN AT STAGES.

Mayor Wynn: I'LL TAKE A SHOT A THIS. THE PROCESS -- OBVIOUSLY IT HAS TO PAY FOR IFTSD OR NO CITY WOULD IDENTITY. IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE 1997, CIRCLE C, BALCONES, ONION CREEK. AND THE CITY HAS THE ABILITY TO DELIVER SERVICES, THEY ANNEX ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AREAS. THE FACT OF THE MATTER THAT YOU ALL ARE COMING IN LINE BEHIND MANY OTHERS, WHAT THAT TELLS YOU IS THAT CIRCLE C, ONION CREEK, DAVENPORT, BALANCE CONIES...IES WOODS, ALL PROBABLY PAID BETTER, FRANKLY, WERE MORE ATTRACTIVE ANNEXATION THAN IS

THE PENINSULA, BUT NOW THE MAP WORKS ON THE PENINSULA. SO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR US REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE REST OF THE CITY IS HERE'S SOMETHING THAT HAS ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE CITY SHOULD WE DO THIS OR NOT. AND OBVIOUSLY WE DEFINED A VERY SPECIFIC BOUNDARY OUTSIDE OF THAT BOUNDARY DOESN'T MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T BE EXPANDING THE BOUNDARY. BASED ON INSTINCT.

WOULD THERE BE ANY OTHER REASON BESIDES THE PENINSULA AREA NOT HAVING ECONOMIC VALUE TO REVENT THIS ANNEXATION?

THERE ARE OTHER REASONS BESIDES COMMISSION CITIES ANNEX. SOMETIMES FOR LAND USE CONTROL, DELIVERY OF EXPANDING SERVICES TO AN AREA THAT NEEDS IT. THERE ARE OTHER REASONS BESIDES ECONOMICS. MY STRONG SUSPICIOUS IS IF WE DRILL DOWN TO THIS ANALYSIS, THIS ONE IS ABOUT ECONOMICS AS FRANKLY HAVE BEEN THE LAST THREE OR FOUR THAT I'M AWARE OF.

[INAUDIBLE].

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PROVIDING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND GIVING US ALL THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

Mayor Wynn: AND GEORGE, ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS, TO THE BEST OF STAFF'S ABILITY WILL BE CON CELD AND.....CRON CELD AND ANSWER ODD THE WEB AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. YES, COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I WAS JUST GOING TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION ABOUT YOUR ELECTRIC BILL, YOUR AUSTIN ENERGY ELECTRIC BILL. A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL NOW IS TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND WHICH GOES TO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES. SO ARGUABLY ON A NET WAY CYST YOUR ELECTRIC BILL WOULD GO DOWN.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER.

.....COUNCILMEMBERMARTINEZ. MARTINEZ THERE'S A

LOT OF QUESTIONS BEING ASKED AND I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO HAVE THE IMMATERIAL.....IMMATERIAL IMPRESSION THEY ARE NOT BEING WRITTEN DOWN. HOW MANY STAFF HERE WHO ARE DILIGENTLY TAKING NOTES AND GOING TO TRY TO RESPOND TO EVERY QUESTION EITHER TONIGHT OR ON THE WEBSITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF ALL OUR CITY STAFF COULD RAISE YOUR HAND JUST SO WE KNOW WHO IS WORKING WITH US TONIGHT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. WE WANT TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS. JUST BECAUSE HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THEM TONIGHT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WON'T GET A RESPONSE. SO I WANT TO CHANGE THE CITY STAFF.

YOU.... YOU ARE INTILL TRAITD AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT. WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES HERE FROM PARK, LIBRARY, POLICE, FIRE, E.M.S., DRAINAGE, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OUR LAW DEPARTMENT AND MANY OTHERS HERE IN THE CROWD. WE WILL BOTH STAY AFTER THIS MEETING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AS WE CAN. WE ARE TAKING NOTES ON EVERY QUESTION YOU ARE ASKING. I WOULD LYING TO STRESS BECAUSE WE'RE HEARING ABOUT IS SERVICE PLAN. THE STATE LAW ON ANNEXATION CHANGED RECENTLY. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST AND WHY YOU ALL ARE LOOKING FOR DETAILED SURFACE PLANS, BEFORE WE WOULD HAVE MOVED INTO AN AREA TO BE ANNEXED WE WOULD A HAD A SERVICE PLAN FOR YOUR AREA. THE LAW HAS CHANGED. IT FLIPS THIS PROCESS AND IT FEELS COUNTER INTUITIVE COW AND A LITTLE TO US. WE COME OUT FIRST WITH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS BY LAW. THEN WE DO A TWO-YEAR.....- YEAR IN THIS THREE-YEAR PROCESS OF FULL NEGOTIATIONS TO GET YOU TO A SPECIFIC DETAILED SERVICE PLAN. SO IT'S BACK ENDED INSTEAD OF FRONT ENDED WHICH IS WHY YOU ARE SEEING A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CITY SERVICES IN YOUR AREA.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LOOKS LIKE DAN REMICK.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THE OTHER PEOPLE. I LIVE IN A CONDO. I LIVE RIGHT AT WEST LAKE AND THE HIGH ROAD. I AM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR

THEM. I REPRESENT 41 DIFFERENT -- 41 CONDOS WHERE 1.1-MILE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND WHAT YOU ALL PROPOSE, 300.... 3009 WINDSOR IS 4.11 MILES AWAY. 23 ON 7 FOSTER AVENUE 3.4 MILES AWAY. AND FRANKLY, IT'S GOING TO TAKE TOO LONG TO GET THERE WITH YOUR DEFIBRILLATORS TO SAVE ANYBODY BECAUSE IF THEY ARE HAVING A HEART ATTACK, THEY WILL HAVE ALREADY DIED. SO YOU JUST BETTER BRING E.M.S. AND CART THEM OFF. AT LEAST 41 OF THE 56 CONDOS THAT YOU ALL SHOWED UNDER THE 103 ECONOMIC MULTI-FAMILY UNITS -- EXISTING MULTI-FAMILY UNITS ARE IN THIS LIMITED PURPOSE AREA AND THAT REPRESENTS LESS THAN 3% OF THE PROPOSED 431 ACRES PLUS THAT YOU ALL ARE WANTING TO ANNEX. WE ARE NOT ON THE LAKE. WE'RE 70 FEET ABOVE BEE CREEK. WE DO NOT HAVE A VIEW OF THE LAKE. WE DO NOT HAVE A VIEW OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A VIEW OF WEST LAKE'S CITY HALL EITHER. WE HAVE OUR OWN PRIVATE GARBAGE COLLECTION AND RECYCLE PROGRAM WHICH COMES TWICE A WEEK. OH, AND BY THE WAY, YARD TRIMMINGS ARE PICKED UP TWICE A WEEK, NOT TWICE A YEAR. COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN THE AREA, WE DON'T HAVE ANY THAT CAN BE SPOKEN OF. I THINK THERE MAY BE ONE SO THAT GARBAGE COLLECTION SPECIAL CHARGE WON'T COME INTO PLAY. NO RECREATIONAL AREA. BUT I DO WANT TO TEMPERATURE TO TELL YOU I HAVE A CLIENT WHICH HAS 5.7 ACRES FOR SELL WHICH USED TO BE CALLED THE FIGI PARK. NO CAPPAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING: POLICE PROTECTION, FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, SOLID WASTE, WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES, ROAD AND STREETS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, SWIMMING POOLS, WATERSHED PROTECTION, STREET WIDEN..ENING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ALL ARE GIVING US. YOU MENTION MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTS. THERE ARE 12 LIGHTS. I THINK WE CAN FORM A COMMITTEE TO GO AROUND AND CHANGE THE LIGHTS AND SAVE YOU ALL SOME DOLLARS. YOU ARE GOING TO PROPOSE A SIGNAL LIGHT TO BE PUT IN. WHERE AND WHY? AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, WE GET 100% BASIC PROTECTION, 33% MIGHT BE ADVANCED FOR MASTER PROTECTION, IF WE'RE LUCKY.

[INAUDIBLE].

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WE'VE NOTED ALL YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. MOMENT MOMENT.....[ONE MOMENT PLEASE] NOW, WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE IF WE WERE TO SWITCH TO THE WEST LAKE POLICE, WHICH WE ALL SEE EVERY DAY ON WEST LAKE DRIVE, WE SEE THE SHERIFF CAR ONCE A WEEK. WE A SEE THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT ONLY WHEN SOMEONE CALLS THEM. WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THEM AS A BACKUP, BUT WE HAVE THAT ALREADY. WE WOULD RATHER SEE THAT THE WEST LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDING TO THIS WHOLE PENINSULA AREA. THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT WAS MADE BY BOB BROOKS THAT WHEN THERE'S A STORM IN THIS AREA, THE SHELTON BRIDGE OR WHAT WE CALL THE LOW-WATER BRIDGE, IT SHUTS DOWN. IT'S FLOODED OUT. WEST LAKE DRIVE IN PLACES SHUTS DOWN STOPPING ACCESS FROM THE NORTH. AND THIS HAPPENS SEVERAL -- SIX, SEVEN TIMES A YEAR. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IN 2001, THERE WAS AN F-5 TORNADO CLOSED THAT BRIDGE FOR 48 HOURS. WE WERE CUT OFF FROM AUSTIN. SO WE HAD THESE TALKS WITH THEIR URDAHL, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU YOU HAVE THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ALLOW HIM TO ANNEX US INSTEAD OF YOU. WILL YOU DO IT?

Mayor Wynn: WE'LL ANSWER THAT QUESTION ALSO, ED.

[INAUDIBLE] [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. ED CHUD, I THINK IT IS.

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. THANK YOU, ED. WELCOME, MATT, YOU HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

HELLO, THANK YOU FOR HAVING A ME.

Mayor Wynn: THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR LEAVING THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

YEAH. SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW ME, I WAS BORN HERE IN 1969. LEFT ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO AND MOVED OUT TO

THE COUNTRY ALSO KNOWN AS TRAVIS COUNTY. I WOULD SAY -- I'D LIKE TO WALK THROUGH SOME INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED. I'M USING YOUR OWN WORDS. POLICE PROTECTION. NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. FIRE PROTECTION. NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE. NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES. IT'S TWO PARAGRAPHS. IF YOU LOOK REALLY HARD AND YOU READ TOWARDS THE END IT SAID WE MAY REQUIRE THE DEVELOPER OF A NEW SUBDIVISION TO INSTALL THOSE. ROADS AND STREETS. NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. PARKS, WHICH I WOULD SAY AUSTIN IS KNOWN FOR, AND SWIMMING POOLS, PLAYGROUNDS. NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. WATERSHED PROTECTION DEPARTMENT. WHICH THE CITY OF AUSTIN IS KNOWN FOR. NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. STREET LIGHTING. NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. ITEM NUMBER J, OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES, BUILDINGS OR SERVICES, ADDITIONAL SERVICES, LAST PARAGRAPH, ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT NECESSARY. AND FINALLY, IF YOU GET TO K, IT TALKS ABOUT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF PLANNING, I'LL NOTE THIS IS THE LAST ITEM LISTED HERE, AND IT APPEARS THAT THE AREA WILL BE INCLUDED WITH OTHER TERRITORY IN CONNECTION WITH THESE PLANS FOR [INAUDIBLE] FUNCTIONS. I WOULD SAY AFTER READING THROUGH THESE, I DON'T THINK THAT ANY FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE EXPENDED THERE. I THINK A LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE COMING IN THE DOOR AND I WOULD SAY THAT THIS ANNEXATION IS NOT NECESSARY. [APPLAUSE]

I THINK, FRANKLY, IT'S ILLOGICAL, THE LAND GRAB KIND OF ACROSS OUTSIDE OF AN AREA THAT'S FUNCTIONAL FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE CITY OF WEST LAKE IS PROVIDING ALL OF THE NECESSARY THINGS TODAY OR A COMBINATION OF GROUPS ARE. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THE LAST SPEAKER SAID WHICH IS TO THINK HARD. I THINK IT IS LOGICAL FOR THE CITY OF WEST LAKE TO ANNEX US. I THINK IT MEANS SAFETY FOR THE PEOPLE. I THINK IT MEANS THE -- FROM A FIRE PERSPECTIVE, FROM E.M.S. PERSPECTIVE, WE WANT TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE OUT

THERE. I DON'T THINK THIS IS NECESSARY. I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER AND LET'S ENTER IN WITH WEST LAKE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. HOOKS.

YES. I HAVE -- I'M GOING TO FINISH WITH ONE THOUGHT. I WAS GIVEN SOME ADDITIONAL TIME. I'M GOING TO READ FROM YOUR TEXT AGAIN. THE AREAS CHARACTERIZED BY STEEP SLOPES, RUGGED TERRAIN AND VIEWS OF LAKE AUSTIN DOWNTOWN. HABITAT FOR THE ENDANGERED BLACK CAPPED VIREO AND GOLDEN-CHEEKED WARBLER MAY BE FOUND HERE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. HOOKS. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: ALEX RUISEN.

[INAUDIBLE]

Mayor Wynn: WE'LL NOTE YOUR OPPOSITION. TEEN HELP, I GUESS, CAN'T READ THE LAST NAME. WELCOME, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE. ALL OF THE POINTS I WANT TO SPEAK HAS BEEN MADE BY PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND I APPRECIATE THEM TO REPRESENT THE [INAUDIBLE]. I SHARE THE SAME CONCERNS. I THINK TO BE HONEST, IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR SERVICE PLAN HERE, IT IS NOT -- IT IS NOT HARD FOR ANYONE TO SEE THAT WE ARE GETTING [INAUDIBLE] SERVICE AND PAYING MORE MONEY FOR THAT. AND SO THAT THE LADY WHO SPEAK BEFORE THAT THIS TIME AROUND, YOU DON'T HAVE THE FIRST PLAN READY AND THAT'S GOING TO BE A NEGOTIATION PROCESS TO ACTUALLY HAVE THAT. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO ME THERE IS NO -- YOU CAN HAVE FIVE PERSONS ACTUALLY TO DO THE NEGOTIATION FOR THE WHOLE RESIDENTS. SO HOW DO YOU ENSURE THAT IT IS A REPRESENTED -- WHAT IS THE PROCESS AND WHATEVER PROCESS YOU DO HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT IS FAIR AND REPRESENTS ALL THE INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS IN THIS 400 ACRES THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS GOING TO ANNEX. SO THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION. I WANT TO SEE THAT -- VERY CLEAR PROCESS ON HOW THAT

NEGOTIATION IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND WHAT ARE THE -- IF IT GOES NEGOTIATION, RIGHT, AND WHAT ARE THE -- WHAT ARE THE OUTCOME, WHAT ARE THE -- IF ANY APPEAL PROCESS TO THAT IF IT'S NO ONE AGREE TO IT. AND SECONDLY, IN YOUR SERVICE PLAN, AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED, A LOT OF ITEMS FROM F TO G ABOUT PARKS, ABOUT STREETS. YOU MENTION THERE'S NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW DO YOU REACH THAT CONCLUSION. DO YOU HAVE ANY [INAUDIBLE] YOU USE, DO YOU HAVE ANY SURVEY HAVE DONE, YOU LOOK AT ALL THE NEIGHBORHOODS, ALL THE STREETS THAT YOU DETERMINE THERE'S NO IMPROVEMENT NECESSARY. SO ALL THESE THINGS I THINK NEED TO BE -- YOU PRETTY MUCH HAVE A MONOPOLY SO YOU ARE ABLE TO BASICALLY SELL A WORSE SERVICE FOR MORE MONEY SO THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE. I THINK YOU AT LEAST HAVE US HAVE A VERY CLEAR PROCESS SO THAT THE INTERESTS OR THE PEOPLE YOU TRY TO TAKE THE MONEY FROM IS ACTUALLY BEING CONSIDERED TO SOME DEGREE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: SAM, LOOKS LIKE CHAPIN. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RANDALL MCINTYRE.

THANK YOU. I ECHO ALL THE COMMENTS MADE BY MY NEIGHBORS. I'M GOING TO CHALLENGE THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS THAT WAS PRESENTED BY YOUR C.F.O. OR THE PERSON WHO DID THE FINANCIAL. I'M USING HIS NUMBERS SO CORRECT ME IF I QUOTED SOMETHING WRONG. IF I GET THESE NUMBERS CORRECT, YOUR PROJECTED REVENUE INCREASE FROM TAXING US IS ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION A YEAR AND YOU ARE LOOKING AT EXPENSES, TOTAL CUMULATIVE NET OF \$7.7 MILLION. THIS COUNTED TO NET PRESENT VALUE OF \$3.5 MILLION. WHICH USING THIS NUMBER, AND I'M SURE THIS IS PROBABLY A BEST CARE SCENARIO GIVEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S HISTORY OF PROJECTING AND -- PROJECTED VERSUS ACTUAL BUT I'LL USE YOURS. 3.5 MILLION IS EQUIVALENT TO TWO YEARS OF THE TAX INCREASE THAT YOU ARE TAXING US. SO BASICALLY WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS YOU ARE MAKING US PAY \$30 MILLION SO YOU CAN GET \$7.7 MILLION OUT OF THAT. I HAVE AN

ENGINEERING DEGREE, A MBA, I'VE BEEN DOING PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS CONSULTING. IF I GAVE MY CLIENT A PLAN LIKE THIS WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TO SPEND 30 MILLION DOLLARS TO GET \$7.7 MILLION NET OUT OF IT, I WOULD BE FIRED. SO I WILL MAKE THIS -- I CAN'T SPEAK FOR EVERYONE, BUT SINCE YOUR NET PRESENT VALUE OUT OF THIS WHOLE THING IS EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT TWO YEARS OF THE TAX THAT YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE US, I WILL WRITE YOU A CHECK RIGHT NOW FOR EQUIVALENT OF TWO YEARS OF THIS TAX INCREASE IF YOU PROMISE TO LEAVE US ALONE FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. [APPLAUSE]

AND I APPRECIATE THE HONESTY OF THE LADY FROM THE CITY WHO DIDN'T TRY TO DISGUISE THIS UNDER ANY KIND OF PRE.... PRETENSES WE'RE GETTING BETTER SERVICES BECAUSE WE KNOW WE'RE NOT. THIS IS BASICALLY ABOUT MONEY. THE OFFER I JUST PAID YOU, I'LL PAY YOU TWO YEAR'S WORTH OF TAX INCREASE, LEAVE US ALONE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SAM. APPLAUSE
FLAWS.....FLAWS.....SAM. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: RANDALL MCINTYRE. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND FOLLOWED BY BEVERLY INGRAM, IF SHE WANTS TO SPEAK. RANDY, SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M DR. RANDALL MCINTYRE. I'VE LIVED AT 1707 LAKE SHORE FOR ABOUT 13 YEARS NOW. PLEASE FORGIVE ME, I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF OFF-HAND COMMENTS BUT I DIDN'T GET INFORMED ABOUT THIS MEETING EXCEPT GOING TO MY NEIGHBORS. TOLD ME KIND OF LAST SECOND. ART COREY, IS HE HERE TONIGHT? HE WAS GOING TO TELL ME, BUT I GUESS HE JUST FORGOT. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW EXCITED I WAS TO BE ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IT APPROACHED APOPLEXY. I KNOW WHAT WE'RE GIVING YOU AND THAT WOULD BE A LOT OF MONEY. I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE GET. AND LISTENING TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES, I'M NOT SURE. DO WE GET A REPRESENTATIVE IN CITY GOVERNMENT? TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. THAT'S BOSTON, NOT AUSTIN, RIGHT? POLICER IS.....KER... SERVICE. SOUNDS LIKE 14 MINUTES. WHEN I'M HIDING

UNDER MY BED AT 2:00 A.M. WONDERING WHAT THAT CLANG WAS, 14 MINUTES SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME TO WAIT. HMMM. FIRE SERVICE. IT SOUNDS LIKE E.S.D. NUMBER 9, THE ONE THAT I PASS EACH DAY GOING FROM RED BUD ON TO WEST LAKE, CLOSEST TO OUR HOMES, WE'RE NOT GOING TO USE THAT ONE. THAT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE TO ME. ANOTHER QUESTION I HAVE, WE KNOW ABOUT WATER. WHAT ABOUT ICE? HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO TRAVEL ON WEST LAKE WHEN IT'S ICING? IT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE. IMPASSABLE. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. HMMM. EROSION CONTROL. HOW ABOUT THE PART OF LAKE SHORE WHERE IT GOES DEEPLY DOWN. LAKE AUSTIN ENDS -- A LONG TIME AGO. IT'S A RIVER. IT'S A RIVER. WHEN IT RAINS. THERE AREN'T ANY STORM DRAINS. I WONDER IF WE COULD HAVE THOSE. HMMM. SO POOLS. I LOVE POOLS. I LOVE SWIMMING POOLS. I SWIM A LOT. WE DON'T HAVE ANY. THERE'S 40 IN AUSTIN. DID YOU KNOW? YOU KNEW. HMMM. BUT THE FIGJI PLACE SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD IDEA. THAT MIGHT WORK OUT. RUIZ TEEN.....ROUTINE PATROLS OF POLICE OFFICERS. WE SEE WEST LAKE A LOT. WE DON'T EVER SEE AUSTIN. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A PLES PRESENCE THERE. MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING YOU COULD DO FOR US. ANYWAY, IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO SAY ASK NOT WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU AND THAT'S OBVIOUS, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU A LOT OF MONEY. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR US? THAT'S ALL. THANKS. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. MCINTYRE. SO THAT'S ALL THE CITIZEN CARDS I HAVE SIGNED UP HERE. ARE THERE ANY FURTHER BACK IN THE BACK OR -- SO AGAIN, THIS IS -- WHAT THIS PROCESS IS IS THE STARTING POINT AND THE LEGISLATURE SETS UP THE PROCESS SO WE CALL PUBLIC HEARINGS SEVERAL YEARS IN ADVANCE OF POTENTIAL ANNEXATIONS TO AIR OUT ISSUES. AND SO STAFF, I BELIEVE, HAS CHRONICLED MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, NOTED THE ISSUES, AND MS. HUFFMAN, WHAT WOULD BE THE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE FOLKS SEE ANSWERS?

MAYOR, WE HAVE A WEBSITE UP FOR THIS PROPOSED ANNEXATION. YOU CAN GET TO IT FROM THE HOME PAGE OF THE CITY'S WEBSITE. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS TAKEN SCRUPULOUS NOTES, ALL THE QUESTIONS YOU'VE ASKED, WE WILL PROVIDE THE MOST STRAIGHT-FORWARD

ANSWERS WE CAN AND AN E-MAIL LINK SO IF YOU HAVE A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, FEEL FREE AND SEND US THOSE. WE WILL WORK WITH THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO DEVELOP A TIME LINE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THAT NEGOTIATING TEAM. AND THEN WE WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN SO WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FULL TIME FRAME THE STATE HAS PROVIDED FOR THIS NEGOTIATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF MS. HUFFMAN, COUNCIL? I HAVE ONE FOR CHIEF ELLISON. MAYBE I MISHEARD THIS, BUT I WAS CONFUSED. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF 14-MINUTE POLICE RESPONSE. IS THAT THE CURRENT -- CURRENT COUNTY RESPONSE OR IS THAT --

IT'S 13:28 FOR THE CURRENT COUNTY RESPONSE FOR THIS AREA FOR PRIORITY 1 CALLS.

Mayor Wynn: SO IT'S CURRENTLY ALMOST 14 MINUTES.

YES. AND WHAT WE DID IS WE LOOKED UP THE LAST 10 MONTHS UP TO JULY 31st. OF THIS YEAR.

Mayor Wynn: AND SO OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T HAVE A CITY RESPONSE TIME BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN THERE YET, BUT WHAT IS -- WHAT IS THE AVERAGE CITY RESPONSE TIME OR WHAT IS THE RANGE OF CITY RESPONSE TIMES?

FOR THIS PARTICULAR AREA, WE WERE GOING TO ADD IT TO CENTRAL WEST. THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME FOR THE CENTRAL WEST AREA COMMAND WHICH CURRENTLY HAS EIGHT BEATS IS 7 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS FOR PRIORITY 1 CALLS.

Mayor Wynn: OKAY. SO 7 MINUTES VERSUS 14.

CORRECT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. ACTUALLY, COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: CHIEF, CAN YOU GIVE US A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT

PRIORITY 1 CALLS ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW?

SURE. THEY ARE CALLS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS WHERE A PERSON'S LIFE IS IN DANGER. IT COULD BE, YOU KNOW, FROM AN ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT TO A SEXUAL ASSAULT TO HOMICIDES. IT'S OUR MOST SERIOUS CRIMES. COLLISIONS WHERE THERE'S INJURIES. ALL THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. AUSTIN PROBABLY HAS A LONGER LIST OR A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF PRIORITY 1 CALLS THAN ANY OTHER CITY. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN SOME COMPARISON WITH US IN RESPONSE TIMES AND OTHER CITIES. AND I KNOW HOUSTON WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT SAID THEY HAD A RESPONSE TIME OF 5 MINUTES TO PRIORITY 1 CALLS. I DOUBT THAT. I CAN'T GET ANYWHERE IN HOUSTON IN 5 MINUTES. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID CONFIRM WITH HOUSTON IS THAT THEIR RESPONSE TIME THAT WAS LISTED IN THE INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE STATESMAN WAS FROM DISPATCHED TO OFFICER ARRIVAL. WE COUNT OUR RESPONSE TIME FROM THE TIME IT IS ENTERED BY A CALL TAKER UNTIL THE TIME THE OFFICER ARRIVED ON SCENE.

WHEN YOU SAY IT'S ENTERED BY A CALL TAKER, WE SAY FROM IF MOMENT WE CALL US UNTIL YOU HIT YOUR DOOR WE MEASURE THAT TIME. WHEREAS THE HOUSTON NUMBER LEFT OUT THE WHOLE PORTION OF IT THAT'S REPORTED BEFORE IT'S DISPATCHED.

THAT'S CORRECT. I WANT TO MAKE ONE OTHER NOTE BECAUSE WE'RE CONSTANTLY REFERRING TO THAT INFORMATION IS THAT SAN JOSE HAD A RESPONSE TIME OF 8 MINUTES AND 18 SECONDS OR 13 SECONDS. AND SAN JOSE IS THE SECOND SAFEST CITY IN THIS NATION WITH POPULATION OVER 500,000. AUSTIN IS THE THIRD SAFEST CITY WHEN IT RELATES TO VIOLENT CRIME FOR POPULATION OVER 500,000. AND SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT RESPONSE TIMES AND GETTING THERE AND YOUR POLICE SERVICES, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY IN THE LAST THREE YEARS BEEN THE TOP -- BEEN THE TOP THREE WHEN IT COMES TO SAFEST CITIES IN THIS NATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. FURTHER QUESTIONS OF

CHIEF ELLISON, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN.

McCracken: I USED TO BE A PROSECUTOR IN HOUSTON AND HOUSTON IS ONE OF THE 10 MOST DANGEROUS CITIES IN THE NATION. I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE FIVE HIGHEST CRIME RATES IN THE NATION AND I FEEL A LOT SAFER IN AUSTIN. MY WIFE IS A PROSECUTOR HERE AND WE'RE A LOT SAFER THAN HOUSTON.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, I NOTED THAT STATE REPRESENTATIVE DONNA HOWARD JOINED US A FEW MINUTES AGO. I DON'T -- WELCOME. YOU ARE WELCOME TO ADDRESS US OR THE CROWD. WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE.

THANK YOU. I WAS AT A TOWN HALL MEETING AND HAD JUST COME RECENTLY SO I JUST HEARD THE LAST FEW COMMENTS. SOME OF THE CONSTITUENTS IN THIS AREA, MY CONSTITUENTS, HAVE CONTACTED ME WITH THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROCESS GOING ON. AND AS I'VE SAID TO THE FEW PEOPLE I'VE SPOKEN WITH AND I'M TRYING TO LOOK INTO THIS NOW AND MY STAFF, ELEANOR, CHIEF OF STAFF, HAS BEEN PRESENT FOR THE PREVIOUS HEARING AS WELL AS THIS ONE AND WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT LOST CREEK, JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE APPRISED OF WHAT'S GOING ON AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ADVOCATE FOR THE CONSTITUENTS IN THIS AREA. MY -- MY UNIQUE SITUATION HERE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND IS THAT DISTRICT 48 ENCOMPASSES A LARGE AREA, AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT ACTUALLY RESIDE IN AUSTIN. AND I'M IN A POSITION OF LIVING IN THE PENINSULA AND REPRESENTING PEOPLE IN THE PENINSULA AND ALSO REPRESENTING PEOPLE IN OTHER AREAS. SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS LOOK AT WHAT IS MY ROLE FROM THE STATE LEVEL IN THIS, AND THIS IS A LOCAL ISSUE THAT'S GOING ON. BUT WHEREVER THE STATE HAS SOME ROLE TO PLAY, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE KEEPING UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON, THAT WE'RE IN COMMUNICATION NOT ONLY WITH THE CONSTITUENTS BUT ALSO WITH THE LOT JURISDICTIONS. AND SO I'M REALLY HERE TO LISTEN TONIGHT AND THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO. THANK YOU FOR THE

OPPORTUNITY.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, REPRESENTATIVE. PLEASE NOTE CITY STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR STAFF AS WELL.
[APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF OUR CITIZEN FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS. AGAIN, SO THE WEB BASED ANSWERS WILL GO UP AS SOON AS WE CAN TYPE THEM, I GUESS. AND WHEN DO WE ANTICIPATE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, YOU KNOW, SLIS..... SLIS THEEING TORE TEAM MEMBERS.

PEOPLE CAN BEGIN CONTACTING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT NOW. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT. WE WILL WORK WITH THEM AND DEVELOP A SCHEDULE. I THINK WHAT WE'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND IS THEY APPOINT NEGOTIATING TEAM WITHIN THE MONTH AND THAT'S SO VEHICLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE TIGHT DEADLINES. IF WE HAVE UNTIL MARCH OF NEXT YEAR, WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY TIME IN THAT PROCESS TO THIS NAMING OF THE COMMITTEE. SO WE'LL WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONERS COURT AND SEE IF WE CAN'T GET THAT DONE WITHIN A MONTH.

LAWYER ARE, THERE ANY PARTICULAR COMMISSION OR ARE ALL COMMISSIONERS TAKING NAMES?

WE -- AT THIS POINT, ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE TAKING NAMES. NO ONE HAS DESIGNATED THEMSELVES. COMMISSIONER DROUGHTRY..RY WOULD PROBABLY BE THE COMMISSIONER FOR THIS, BUT THEY APPROVE THE COMMITTEE AS A GROUP.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? OR NIBLTION? OR ANYBODY ELSE? I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC

HEARING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.
OPPOSE.....OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0.

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